VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: Claims of L. M. Ps. are considered.

Statement by caste of appointments.

6. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste of:

(*a*) appointments made to short vacancies in the Education Department; and

(*b*) in the Judicial Department?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) and (*b*) Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information will be out of proportion to its possible utility.

Appointments made by the present Surgeon-General.

7. ***MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments (in short vacancies of less than a month) made by the present Surgeon-General since she assumed charge of that office?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: It is not possible to furnish the answer as it is not clear whether the interpellation refers to appointments of medical officers or of the subordinate staff.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know up to what grade the Surgeon-General can make acting appointments?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: Up to the sub-assistant surgeon's grade.

Police Out-post at Kollamkode.

8. ***MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspector-General of Police made any recommendation to locate a Police Out-post at Kollamkode considering the repeated requests and representations due to innumerable crimes at that locality?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: No.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know the distance between Kuzhithurai and Vilavancod?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I cannot answer the honourable member at the present moment on the point. Perhaps the honourable member knows it much better than myself.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether there were not many crime cases recorded at the end of the Municipal election?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: From the crime point of view, there is no necessity for an outpost at all at Kollamkode. For in 1108 out of 52 cases reported from Vilavancode the constituency which the honourable member represents only 3 cases were reported from Kollamcode. In 1109 out of 52 cases only 1 case was reported from Kollamcode and in 1110 out of 57 cases only

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